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Organization of the session

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened twenty-sixth session, held on 7 and 8 December 2017, the Commission agreed that the regular part of its twenty-seventh session would be held from 14 to 18 May 2018, with informal pre-session consultations to be held on 11 May 2018, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

2. At the informal pre-session consultations on 11 May 2018, which were chaired by the First Vice-Chair of the Commission, Alena Kupchyna (Belarus), the Commission conducted a preliminary review of the draft resolutions that had been submitted by the deadline of 16 April 2018 and dealt with organizational matters for the twenty-seventh session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission held the regular part of its twenty-seventh session in Vienna from 14 to 18 May 2018, during which time there were [...] plenary meetings and [...] meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

4. The Chair of the Commission opened that part of the session. At the 1st meeting, on 14 May 2018, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made an opening statement.

5. Opening statements were made by the observer for Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), the observer for Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States), the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the representative of Bulgaria (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine).

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C. Attendance

6. The twenty-seventh session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission. Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, observers for [...] non-member States, representatives of [...] entities of the United Nations system and observers for [...] institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, [...] intergovernmental organizations and [...] non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.15/2018/INF/2.

D. Election of officers

7. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-sixth session, on 8 December 2017, opened its twenty-seventh session for the purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

8. On 8 December 2017, the Commission elected the Chair, the Third Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The nomination for the office of the First Vice-Chair remained pending until 15 December 2017, when the Group of Eastern European States nominated Alena Kupchyna of Belarus for that office. The nomination for the Second Vice-Chair remained pending until 18 January 2018, when the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Armin Andereya Latorre of Chile for that office. The Commission elected the First and Second Vice-Chairs during its consideration of item 1.

9. The officers of the Commission at its twenty-seventh session were as follows:

Chair	African States	Lotfi Bouchaara (Morocco)
First Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Alena Kupchyna (Belarus)
Second Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Armin Andereya Latorre (Chile)
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Helen Eduards (Sweden)
Rapporteur	Asia-Pacific States	Jawad Ali (Pakistan)

10. A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups (the representatives of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Egypt and the observers for Bangladesh, Montenegro and Spain), the observer for Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the representative of Bulgaria (on behalf of the European Union) was established to assist the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, constituted the extended Bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31. During the twenty-seventh session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 16 and 17 May 2018 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

11. At its 1st meeting, on 14 May 2018, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.15/2018/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2017/237.

F. Documentation

12. The documents before the Commission at its twenty-seventh session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2018/CRP.[...].